

Senate Resolution 1474

By: Senator James of the 35th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Sergeant Lee Gragg; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Sergeant Lee Gragg is highly regarded by the citizens of his community and  
3 state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication  
4 to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

5 WHEREAS, a member of the Palmetto Police Department, Sergeant Gragg has been named  
6 an America's Most Wanted All-star finalist; and

7 WHEREAS, on September 12, 2009, Sergeant Gragg was serving as supervisor for a road  
8 safety check when his unit encountered a driver of a convertible without a license who was  
9 talking on his cell phone; and

10 WHEREAS, Sergeant Gragg instructed the driver to end the phone call, but the suspect  
11 refused and revved the car engine; and

12 WHEREAS, reacting quickly, Sergeant Gragg attempted to subdue the driver but was thrown  
13 into the back of the convertible as the driver sped off; and

14 WHEREAS, the driver crashed into a brick mailbox, which caused the car to flip, killing the  
15 suspect on impact and ejecting Sergeant Gragg from the car 20 feet into the air; and

16 WHEREAS, as a result of this horrific crash, Sergeant Gragg lost his left eye and was left  
17 with 17 broken facial bones, a broken back, and a brain injury; and

18 WHEREAS, after four months of recovery, Sergeant Gragg returned to light duty with the  
19 force, where he continues to serve as an inspiration to his fellow officers and community; and

20 WHEREAS, Sergeant Gragg is united in love and marriage to his wife, Shelly; has been  
21 blessed with two remarkable children, Jacob and Hannah; and cares for his mother and  
22 father-in-law, Jack and Evelyn Curtis; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body show their  
24 gratitude for the unique and often unheralded contributions of Sergeant Gragg and all local  
25 law enforcement officers on behalf of the citizens of this state.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
27 unanimously commend the care, courage, sympathy, and selfless dedication exhibited by  
28 Sergeant Lee Gragg in carrying out the difficult duties of his vocation and extend to him their  
29 utmost appreciation for having so purely and truly defined for others the meaning of public  
30 servant.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
32 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sergeant Lee Gragg.